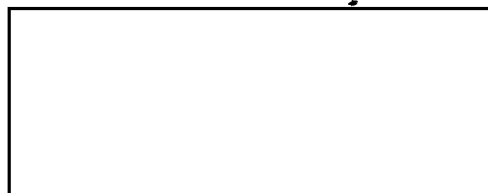


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Issues Before 96th Congress  
House Armed Services Committee



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ISSUE: Intelligence related activities.

HOW: House Armed Services Committee will exercise its jurisdiction over "intelligence related activities" to the fullest extent possible. The Committee feels it has primary oversight responsibility of IRA to assure that the military services are given full intelligence support. IRA cannot be simply defined as "tactical intelligence" since it runs throughout the Defense establishment. For example, practically every weapons system requires an intelligence input for targetting. Based on the experience in the last Congress, the Committee will early on press both the Services and the Community for a clear definition of IRA. The Committee will request a full and complete presentation of all aspects of intelligence activities in the Defense budget.

WHEN: The issue will come to a head when the Defense budget is considered.

WHO: Chairman Price and most of the Committee support a strong Committee position on the IRA issue.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; Bill Hogan, Counsel

OTHER COMMITTEES: HPSCI claims sequential jurisdiction of IRA based on its charter Resolution. HPSCI will exercise its independent authorization of IRA over those military activities, including research and development, which the Committee determines by its definition to come under its authorization jurisdiction. HAC (Snodgrass) will exercise its prerogatives over IRA.

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ISSUE: Verification of SALT compliance.  
House Armed Services Committee wants complete assurance from the Intelligence Community that we can effectively monitor Soviet compliance with SALT II. The Committee will solicit candid views from the military as to their requirements for assurance. Any objections raised from within the military will undoubtedly be surfaced and aired by the Committee.

HOW: Through extensive briefings from the Intelligence Community and the military services.

WHEN: Beginning early on the Congress and throughout the period of deliberation on the treaty.

WHO: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Military Application of Nuclear Energy; Subcommittee on Research and Development. Key Members supporting the military services will be Representatives Stratton and Bob Wilson.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; Bill Hogan, Counsel; Staffers Tony Battista, Thomas Hahn.

OTHER COMMITTEES: HPSCI  
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ISSUE: Proliferation of nuclear weapons.  
Are any nations diverting nuclear material from peaceful uses to military weapons? Is intelligence monitoring effective to detect development of weapons?

HOW: Through proliferation briefings by the Intelligence Community, ERDA and ACDA.

WHEN: At any time after Congress convenes.

WHO: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Military Application of Nuclear Energy.

KEY MEMBERS: Representatives Samuel S. Stratton, Bob Wilson and Charles Bennett.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; Bill Hogan, Counsel.

ISSUE: Balance of Forces - Can NATO counter aggression from the Pact?

- a. mounting Pact superiority in tanks along the front;
- b. disposition of Pact strategic weapons with heavy strike capability against NATO forces; and
- c. continuing evidence of Soviet civil defense. How extensive is their effort and what does it mean?

HOW: Through briefings by CIA, DIA and the military services.

WHEN: The world-wide wrap up by DIA and CIA early on usually surfaces these concerns and may prompt a detailed inquiry.

WHO: Full Committee.

KEY MEMBERS: This is a vital issue with most if not all Members of the Committee on both sides of the isle.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; Bill Hogan, Counsel.

OTHER COMMITTEES: HPSCI.

ISSUE: Does the U.S. Navy need another nuclear carrier?

HOW: Money for the carrier was authorized in the Defense Authorization which the President vetoed. The authorization was struck but the battle may begin again.

WHEN: As soon as Congress reconvenes. Briefings from CIA, DIA and services on strength of Soviet Navy will provide ammunition for the debate.

WHO: Full Committee.

KEY MEMBERS: Representatives Stratton, Bob Wilson, Paul Tribble and Charles Bennett.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; Bill Hogan, Counsel.

ISSUE: Withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea.  
Is the security of South Korea threatened by the withdrawal? Will North Korea strike?

WHEN: Will undoubtedly surface with CIA and DIA world-wide wrap up briefings early in the session.

WHO: Full Committee.

KEY MEMBERS: Vital issue with all Members but Representatives Stratton and Bob Wilson loudest and strongest.

KEY STAFFERS: John Ford, Staff Director; and Bill Hogan, Counsel.

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